



# BORIS THE SPIDER

**A Journal of Duplicitous Doings,  
Raw Power, and Naked Greed**

*"Ok, what a tangled web we weave  
When first we practice to deceive!"  
--Sir Walter Scott--*



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## FIVE GAMES START!

We managed to get five games going this time, DIPLOMACY "Boris XVII", AGE OF RENAISSANCE "The Knyghtes Tale", 1830 "Frueh Is Back", BRITANNIA "Fristan", and STELLAR CONQUEST "Kurzon Dax". Yet we still have room for more mayhem. KREMLIN could finish next time and "Boris XVI" has entered the endgame with Turkey being eliminated and Russia on the ropes.

We'll try to start AIR BARON and maybe HISTORY OF THE WORLD time, so please confirm your interest, what optional rules you want to use, and faction name or color preference. See the website for house rules.

### IMMEDIATE GAME OPENINGS:

**CIRCUS MAXIMUS:** The red chariot is available

**DUNE:** The BGs are available. Their prediction will stand.

**TITAN:** The red legions are available.

**Gunboat MACH:** Have three signed up.

### BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:** "To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage which a soldier needs. ---Ralph Waldo Emerson

Note new e-addresses for Tony Rezzarday and Paul Barrett. We've updated Peter Boyum's address.

### BOOS & KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award (and free issue!) this month goes to Jack Shacklett for his press in "Boris XVII". Last month's award is belatedly given to Kevin Wilson for his press in "Boris XVI".

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb goes to Mark Frueh for delay of three games.

**PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):**

**Deadline for most games is 1800 CST 5 DEC 03**



# TURKEY OUT; RUSSIA NEXT?

## Peace Talks Continued

### Fall 1907

**XVI**  
**2002C**

**ERRATA:** Russian [A Rum S AUS A Con] and [F Nwy S A Den] were impossible (not adjacent). Also Austrian [F Aeg-Bulsc] failed, so Turkish A BUL lives.

**MIRKWOOD:** So now there are four. The question is whether Russia can hold out long enough for Austria and Italy to organize a separate front and that depends on which two units go away. F NWG could distract several German units with its threat to EDI and protects NWY, one of the critical three centers needed for German victory (the others likely being VEN, MOS).

**VOTING:** All proposals fail. Concessions to A/R and A/R/I are proposed.

#### TROOP MOVEMENTS:

Austrian A SIL retreats to BOH. German F MID retreats to IRI.

**AUSTRIA** (R Fisher): A Con S A Gre-Bul, F Aeg Hfu), A Gre-Bul, [F Smy-Age]nsp), [A Boh-Mun], A Ser S RUS A Rum, [A Tri-Tri]

**GERMANY** (Anderson): A Pru S A Sil-War, [A Bur-Mun], [F Iri-Mid], A Den S A Ber-Swe, A Gas-Bre, [F Nth-Nwy], [A Mar-Spa], [A Pie-Tri], A Lvn-StP, A Sil-War, F Bal C A Ber-Swe, A Ber-Swe;

**ITALY** (Wilson): A Por-Spa, F Mid S A Por-Spa, F Wes S A Por-Spa, A Rom-Tus, F Ven H, F Lyo S A Por-Spa.

**RUSSIA** (Fowble): A Rum S AUS A Gre-Bul, [A Fin-Swe], [F Swe-Nwy]r-???, A Sev-Mos, A Ank S AUS A Con, [A War S AUS A Boh-Sil]nso, r-???, F Nwy-Nwg.

**TURKEY** (Nichols): [A Bul-Rum]d), F Bla S A Bul-Rum.

Russian A WAR must retreat otb, GAL, LVN, or UKR. Russian F SWE must retreat otb or to BOT. Concessions to A/R and A/R/I are proposed.

Orders in brackets fail; CD = Civil Disorder, d = disbanded, NMR = no move received, NRR = no retreat received, nru = no such unit, NVR = no vote received, otb = off the board, otm = on the move, r-??? = must retreat somewhere, u = unordered. See map and full transcript of game on the Website.

#### SUPPLY CENTERS:

AUS: Bud Tri Vie Ser Gre Smy Con +Bul

(8) Build 1

GER: Ber Kie Mun Bel Den Hol Lon Par Bre Edi Lpl Mar +StP +Swe +War

(15) Build 3

ITA: Nap Rom Ven Tun Spa Por

(6) Even

RUS: Mos -StP -Swe -War Nwy Sev Rum +Ank

(5) Tear 2 \*

TUR: -Ank -Bul

(0) Tear 1 = OUT

\* If both Russian units r-otb, then even. If one r-otb, then Tear 1.

Due next time: Your votes on the proposals (NMR or NVR = Yes). Orders for retreats, builds/tears, and for Spring 1908 and Press.

#### EMBASSY BEAT

Germany to Italy- I apologized for my weak and ill -timed stab, both by e-mail and phone. I have actually had acid churning stomach upsets over it. It has even get me up at night. I REGRETTED IT. I ACTUALLY REGRETTED IT.

I'm sorry that I did it. If I could go back in time to that fateful spring turn, there would have been a army in Vienna and a fleet in Nth. and Norwegian.

But, I can't. So we play it out. I lose some centers, gain some centers. I can't. So we play it out. I lose some centers, gain some centers. Austria stabs Russia and with your centers wins the game. Yippee, Yappy and Yahhole to Austria for winning the game. I just wish I had the late, great Kathy





## Sabres Rattle Winter 1900/01

**XVII**  
2003\_

**MINAS MORGUL:** Our agents have fomented things nicely. Passions are at a peak and the psychological aspects are right for a major conflagration. We need merely provide the spark. A royal assassination, severing an ear, or a runaway queen perhaps.

**AUS:** (Rick Copeland) A Bud, A Vie, F Tri;  
**ENG:** (Jack Shacklett) A Lpl, F Edi, F Lon;  
**FRA:** (Kevin Wilson) A Mar, A Par, F Bre;  
**GER:** (Rudy Zodda) A Ber, A Mun, F Kie;  
**ITA:** (Ron Fisher) A Rom, A Ven, F Nap;  
**RUS:** (Dave Anderson) A Mos, A War, F Sev, F StPasc;  
**TUR:** (Cary Nichols) A Con, A Smy, F Ank.

Orders for Spring 1901 are due next time unless at least one player wants to delay it to January.

### EMBASSY BEAT

London ---Lord of the Admiralty One-eyed Jack, on behalf of His Majesty, wishes to visit all of our peacefull allies in the coming years. With the Pax Britannia on the world's oceans, many of our warships will now be conducting cruises in Northern and Southern waters for the many British citizens on holiday. We will be happy to make stops at many of your cities and let this army of tourists invade your pubs, wineries, distilleries, breweries, and eating establishments. Please contact the Admiralty for steaming schedules.

*AoR*

### THE KNYGHTES TALE

Turn 0.7 & 1.1



Hanna bids \$3, chooses Venice.

Buttitta bids \$2, chooses Barcelona.

Frueh & Copeland bid \$0; Frueh wins the die toss and chooses Paris. Copeland gets Genoa

Due next are your token bids for turn I. Your new card is \_\_\_\_\_.

Game transcript and current map are on the website.

#### The Cast (In Tiebreak Order)

**GENOA** (Copeland): \$40, 1C, 2K

**PARIS** (Frueh): \$40, 1C, 2K

**BARCELONA** (Buttitta): \$38, 1C, 2K

**VENICE** (Hanna): \$37, 1C, 2K

Byrne Caruso's skill at this game. She would stab you for 3 centers and you would laugh!!!. You and Ron are the master Diplomats here not me, I have known that from the start. Even though I have been in this game since 1980. I am still learning. I just hope in our future meetings, that you do not hold this weak and ill timed stab against me. We just wind up being ((gasp)), allies or even friends. Life is too short to hold grudges. Just ask Kathy -Byrne Caruso or me.



# MACHIAVELLI

Milan Bribes France!

SUMMER 1514

2003 D

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**Ragocitti:** Milan continues to pursue diplomacy instead resorting to the brute force apparently preferred by the other regional powers. But what is the *quid pro quo* attached to that "donation"? Enquiring minds want to know. Meanwhile, there wasn't much conflict among the Powers, but the minors are being picked off, one by one.

## TROOP MOVEMENTS:

**AUSTRIA** (Wilson, 2d): A Trent B, A Cro S TUR A Bos-Dal, F Pal S F Mes-GoN, A Carin-Mil, A Tyr S A Carin-Mil, F LS-Mod, F TS S F Mes-GoN, F Mes-GoN;

**FRANCE** (Scott, 3+17d): A Sav-Mon, A Gen B, F Nap II, A Como S A Salz-Tur, A Mar H, A Salz-Tur;

**MILAN** (Cole, 17-17d): Donates 17d to France. No units.

**PAPACY** (Anderson, 8d): A Pisa B, A Flo-Bol, [A Cap-Aqu], [F Aqu-Bart], A Urb S A Flo-Bol;

**TURKEY** (McConnell, 2d): A Bos S F Dal, A Car S A Hun-Sla, [F Dal S F LA totm], A Rag B, A Hun-Sla, [F LA-Bart], F CM-IS;

**VENICE** (Nichols, 15d): A Man-Cre, A Tre-Ver, F UA H, F Pad-Ven;

**Autonomous:** Gen(d), Luc, Man, Mon, Pio, Pisa(b), Rag(b), Sav, Ste, Trent(b).

Orders in brackets fail. b = besieged, imp = impossible, nso = not so ordered, nsu = no such unit, otb = off the board, r-??? = must retreat otb or elsewhere.

Orders for Fall 1514 are due next time. And Press. Ms Nar craves Press.

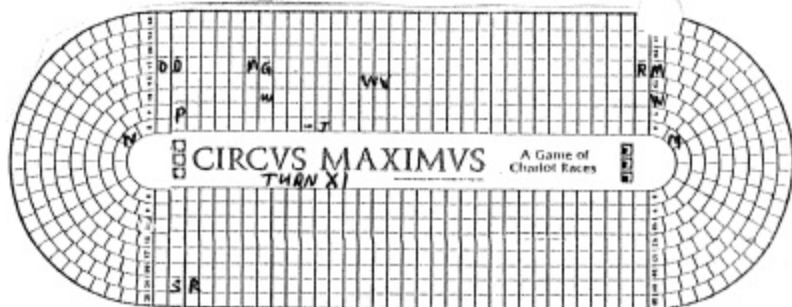
Game transcript and, if I get lucky with graphics, perhaps a game map are on the website. Got to fix my scanner again before I'll be able to get a decent scan of the conference map.

## PRESS

France to GM, that was my press, the Shame, Shame, Shame. One each to Austria, Turkey, & they also can split one....



"I hate being paged at home."



### LAST BETS!

Blue bets 3000s, Coronus bets 4600s and Yellow bets 3300s on Sprinticus. Yellow bets 3200s on Davidus.

### THAN XI

Odds	COLOR	DRIVER (CDM/DH)	CART	Whip	Wheels	TEAM	END	Speed	D/E
4-1	Red	Rufus Magnus (+2/7)	H	Y	0/0	5324	15	16	1/2
5-1	Green	Josephis (+2/9)	L	Y	0/0	7446	05	22	1/2
6-1	Blue	Sprinticus Rex (+2/8)	L	Y	0/0	7545	11	23	1/1
8-1	Orange	Maximus Gladious (0/6)	M	Y	3/0	7436	37	21+1	1/2
21-1	Yellow	Davidus Detroiti (+2/6)	L	Y	2/0	2444	16	16	1/2
120-1	Aqua	Whiplash Willie (+1/6)	M	Y	0/0	4435	08	17	1/2
	White	Minnesotus (+1/4)	W	-	-/-	3536	17	18	1/2
	Purple		W	-	-/-	6325	39	16	1/2

**Davidus** (Dave A): 16, whip (4, -4 END), wheel check (8, OK). Ahead 18, in 1.

**Minnesotus** (Kanne): NMR! M ahead 1, fails to escape (1), M ahead 1, fails to escape (1). Team: Out 1, ahead 13.

**Maximus** (York): 18, no whip. Wheel check (10 = OK). Ahead 18.

**Josephis** (R Fisher): 22, no whip. Ahead 22.

**Purple Team**: 16. Ahead 16.

**Rufus** (O'Hara): NMR! 16, no whip. Ahead 1, corner strain at 1-over (15-2 = S, -1 END). Ahead 15.

**Whiplash** (Zieske): 17, no whip. Ahead 17.

**Sprinticus** (Copeland): 23, no whip. Ahead 23.

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6-1	Blue	Sprinticus Rex (+2/8)	L	Y	0/0	7545	11	23	1/1
8-1	Orange	Maximus Gladious (0/6)	M	Y	3/0	7436	37	21	1/2
21-1	Yellow	Davidus Detroiti (+2/6)	L	Y	2/0	2444	12	16	1/2
120-1	Aqua	Whiplash Willie (+1/6)	M	Y	0/0	4435	08	17	1/2
	White	Minnesotus (+1/4)	W	-	-/-	3536	17	18	1/2
	Purple		W	-	-/-	6325	39	16	1/2

See Website for map and transcript.



# BRITANNIA

"Devon"

Turn XII



## The Cast:

Blue: Kevin Wilson      Green: Rick Copeland      Purple: Rudy Zodda      Red: Peter Boyum

## Board

**Welsh** (0.5): 3A @ Powys; 2A @ Clywd, Dyfed, Gynnedd, Gynnedd; 1A @ Cornwall, Devon.

**Brigantes** (2.5): 3A @ Lothian, 2A @ Dunedin, Strathclyde; 1A @ Cumbria\*, Galloway, Mar, Pennines.

**Picts** (2.5): 3A @ Dalraida; 2A @ Alban, Skye; 1A @ Hebrides.

**Caledonians** (1.5): 2A @ Caithness, Orkneys.

**Irish** (2.5): 2A @ Avalon, Cheshire, Hwicce, March.

**Norsemen** (0.5): 2A @ Moray, 2R @ Atlantic, Irish.

**Dubliners**: 2R Cumbria

**Danes**: 4R @ Frisian; 3R, 6A, Bros @ North.

**Jutes** (2.5): 2A @ Wessex

**Saxons** (2.5): 2A @ Downlands, S Mercia, Sussex; Alfred @ ?.

**Angles** (1.5): 2A @ 2A @ Bernicia, N Mercia, Norfolk, York; 1A @ Lothian.

**Start**: Red 65, Green 58.5, Blue 46, Purple 40.

**Dubliners**: 2R Irish-Cumbria (3,2,2 Brigante r-Galloway; Dubliners w-Irish).

**Danes**: 1st Wave, 4R North-York (6,6,5,3,3,4 -2 Angles), 3A, L North-York-March (2+1,6+1,4+1:1,1 -2 Irish), 1R Frisian-Kent-Sussex, 2R Frisian-Essex-Sussex (5,6,6:3,1 -2 Saxons), 1A North-Frisian-Suffolk, 1A North-Frisian-Essex, 1A North-Frisian-Kent.

Red: Are they the Great Danes or the Lesser Danes? Perhaps even the offspring of Taylor Dane!

Green: No Peter, it is only a Raspberry Danish!

2nd Wave, 2A, L March-York-Lindsey, 2A York to Lindsey (6+1,5+1,4+1,4+1:5,2 -2 Saxons, -1 Dane), 1R North-York; 3A Sussex-Essex-S Mercia (5,2,1:6,1 -1 Saxon, -1 Dane, 1 Saxon r-Downlands). Score 16 tourist VPs.

**Jutes** (2.5): Grow 0.5 PP. Add 1A @ Wessex. 1A Wessex-Sussex

**Saxons** (2.5): Grow 0.5 pp. Overpopulated. Grow 1A @ Downlands. Place Alfred in Downlands. 3A, L Downlands-Wessex (4+1,4+1,1+1:6,4 -2 Jutes, -1 Saxon).

**Angles** (1.5): Grow 4 pp. Add 1A @ ...

**Start**: Green 74.5, Red 65, Blue 46, Purple 40.

## Board

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**Brigantes** (2.5): 3A @ Lothian, 2A @ Dunedin, Galloway, Strathclyde; 1A @ Mar, Pennines.

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**Irish** (2.5): 2A @ Avalon, Cheshire, Hwicce.

**Norsemen** (0.5): 2A @ Moray, 2R @ Atlantic, Irish.

**Dubliners**: 2R Irish.

**Danes**: 3A, Bros @ Lindsey; 2A @ S Mercia; 1A @ Essex, Kent, March, Suffolk, York; 1R @ York.

**Jutes** (2.5): 1A @ Sussex.

**Saxons** (0): 2A, Alfred @ Wessex; 1A @ Downlands.

**Angles** (1.5): 2A @ Bernicia, N Mercia, Norfolk; 1A @ Lothian.





# BRITANNIA

"Frisian"

Claudius Chuckus Invades!



## The Cast:

**A** (Hanna): Romans, R-Bs, Norsemen, Norwegians

**B** (Anderson): Welsh, Jutes, Normans

**C** (Buttita): Brigantes, Caledonians, Danes

**D** (Boyum): Picts, Irish, Angles

**E** (Frueh): Belgae, Scots, Saxons, Dubliners

**ROMANS:** 1st Wave: 2L Channel-Wessex (2,1:1; 4,5:1 -Belgae), 3L Channel-Wessex-Downlands (6,5,5:6 -1Belg. -1L, +F), 2L English Channel-Sussex (1,6:5 -Belgae, +F), 2L Channel-Sussex-Essex (4,2:6 -1L \*) 2L Channel-Sussex-Essex-S Mercia (2,1:3 \*\*), 4L Channel-Sussex-Essex-Suffolk (5,6,6,3:6 -1 each, +F)

\* Belgae may retreat to Kent

\*\* Belgae may retreat to N Mercia

2nd Wave:

**Belgae:** Grow ? pp.

**SCORE:** A(6), B(4), C(0), D(0), E(0)

## Board:

**Romans (A):** 3L,F @ Suffolk; 2L,F @ Downlands, S Mercia\*, Sssex, Wessex; 1L,F @ Essex\*

**Belgae (E):** 1A @ Essex\*, Kent, Lindsey, N Mercia, Norfolk.

**Welsh (B):** 1A @ Avalon, Clwyd, Cornwall, Devon, Dyfed, Gwent, Gwynedd, Hwicce, Powys.

**Brigantes (C):** 1A @ Bernicia, Cheshire, Cumbria, Galloway, Lothian, March, Pennines, Strathclyde, York.

**Picts (D):** 1A @ Alban, Dalriada, Dunedin, Mar, Moray, Skye;

**Caledonians (C):** 1A @ Caithness, Hebrides, Orkneys.

**Legend:** A = infantry army, C = cavalry army, F = fort, L = legion or leader, pp = population point, R = raider, r-??? = retreats to ???, w-??? = withdraws to ???, (\*) = in melee, \_#\_ = attack by/against cav/legion

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# DUNE

## Turn 2 Combat-Turn 3 Spice Blow



### The Board:

**ATREIDES** (Nichols): 5T @ Arrakeen, 5T Red Chasm, 3T Imperial Basin, 2T @ Cielago North, 8R, 1S, 2C

**BENE GESSERIT** (O'Hara): 1T @ Carthage, Cielago North, Tueks Setch, Imperial Basin, Wind Pass North, 10S, 15R, 1C

**BENE TLEILAXU** (Buttitta): 3C, 1S, Tr @ Habbanya Ridge Setch

**FREMEN** (Barrett): 5T, 2\* @ Setch Tabr, 7T @ Red Chasm, 6S, 6R, 4C

**GUILD** (Anderson): 6T @ Tuek's Setch, 14R, 17S, 2C

**HARKONNEN** (Wilson): 10T Carthage, 10R, 5S, 6C

**LANSRAAD** (R Fisher): 4T @ Wind Pass North, 16R, 10S, 4C

**Spice:** 2S @ Cielago North, 8S @ Red Chasm.

**Storm:** Sector 17

**Tanks:** Empty

### TURN 2

**2.4 Combat:** A with 5T vs F with 7T at Red Chasm. A learns who is the Freemen leader, then plays Lady J. and "Trip to Gamont" as a weapon, no defense, 1 spice, dials 3. F plays Shadout Mapes, Lasegun, no defense, 4S, and dials 4. Lady J is killed (5S to F), and F wins 6 to 3. BT does not attempt an assassination.

**2.5 Revival:** F revives 3T. A revives 2T for free.

**2.6 Spice Collection:** F collects 6S @ Red Chasm, & A collects 2S at Cielago North.

### TURN 3

**3.1 Storm:** The storm moves 1 to Sector 18, killing L 4T & BG 1T @ Wind Pass North. Next Storm chit is \_\_.

**3.2 Spice Blow:** The first card is Shai-Hulud. A plays "Karama" to cancel F's immunity (F 3T to the Tanks). We have another Nexus.

Due next time are your orders for the Nexus and the rest of the Spice Blow Round. Ms Nar craves Press. Transcript and map are posted on the website.

### Press:

**Freemen to Landsraad alliance:** Storms approach the Wind Pass will make troop deployment and movement difficult. We advised our allies in the Guild to take better weather readings but they are headstrong and we fear their skills in reading the weather patterns of Dune are confused by their navigational prescience. Take care - storm warning.

**Freemen to Baron:** Sitting pretty still !!

**Freemen to Guild:** Greeting noble ally. The Atradies have unexpectedly given battle for spice. This spice, Shai-Hulud has carried his chosen children to and he has asked that his people to exact revenge. The fight will be short and violent for these offworlders are unprepared for desert warfare. May the Atradies water run freely.





# TITAN

Delayed Again!  
Turn 5 Still



**COMBAT:** At 19: Defender, Crescent Moon; Attacker, Dagger.  
At 39: Defender, Eye of Sauron; Attacker, Crown.

We hold things up for the combat results and because only one player sent Masterboard orders before the deadline.

**SLAIN THUS FAR THIS TURN:** Angel, Cyclops, Lion, Ogre.

## THE BOARD:

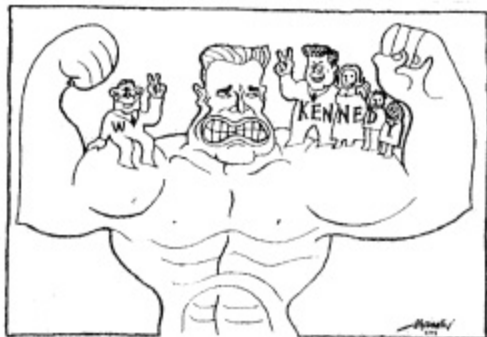
Brown (Frueh), 6-4, 0 VP: Spider 140, Hourglass 140; Antlers 10, Tankard 141.  
Blue (York), 6-4, 0 VP: Batman 28, Trident 28, Anchor 25, Crescent Moon 19(?).  
Gold (Bargender), 6-4, 0 VP: Crown 39(?).  
Red (O'Hara), 7-4, 112 VP: Bleeding Heart 138; Maltese Cross 42.  
Green (Rezzarday), 6-4, 0 VP: Dagger 19(?); Fleur-de-Lis 134, Frog 134.  
Black (Khaoz), 6-4, 0 VP: Eye of Sauron 39(?); Poison Pen 104, Spiked Die 104.

**FORCE POOL:** Archangels (6), Angels (13), Behemoths (18), Centaurs (9), Colloast (10), Cyclops (14), Dragons (18), Gargoyles (7), Giants (18), Gorgons (25), Griffons (18), Guardians (6), Hydra (10), Lions (24), Minotaurs (21), Ogres (11), Rangers (28), Serpents (10), Trolls (21), Unicorns (12), Warbears (21), Warlocks (4), Wyverns (18).

**DEAD POOL:** Centaurs(2), Cyclops(5), Gargoyles(4), Lion(1), Ogre(2).

Your Legions are:

Your Turn 6 die roll is still: \_\_\_\_ Current masterboard and game transcript is on the website.



Serguei/Le Monde/Paris, France  
Cartoonists & Writers Syndicate

# Down with the King

## Assassination Succeeds!

Turns 14-15



### The Cast:

D&D Anderson: Lord Jeffrey (#23 & 61), 3 IP, 25/13 PP, 12 cards, #51, #24(MC), #15, #65.  
A. Bargender: Duke James (#22, MC), 16 IP, 28/20 PP, 11 cards, #52(H) #12(H) #32  
Copeland: Marquise Margaret (#56), 6 IP, 39/7 PP, 12 cards, Philip, #46, #54, #31, #53, #25, #41, #44, Jane, #36, Anne, King Alan.  
Fowble: Lord Robert (#10/62), 3 IP, 43/3 PP, 11 cards, #13(H), #45, #21, #11, #26, Almyer, #35, #43 #34, #33, #66, #36, Alfred.  
York: Duchess Mary (#64), 1 IP, 19/3 PP, 12 cards; #63(H), #55(H), #42.

### The Cabinet:

Monarch: King Alan Mt (50 Support)  
Navy: Lord Arthur (#36) Mt  
State: Earl Duncan (#34), Ro  
Trade: Duke Marley (#44), Mt  
Epain: Sir Donald (#21), Ro  
Sandarkan: Sir Guy (#12), Ja  
City States: Sir Richard (#14) My

Consort: <Vacant>  
High Minister: Duke Henry (#43) Ro  
Army: Earl Francis (#33) Ro  
Justice: <Vacant>  
Bezyan: Sir Michael (#15) Je  
Cronos: Lord Perceval (#41) Mt  
Treasury: Knight Simon (#31), Mt

### Turn 14:

#### 5. Player Turns:

**Jeffrey:** Drew 1 IP, Intrigue. Play "Assassinate" vs Marquise Margaret. Mary plays "Informer" to aid the deed. Assassination (8+2 = Assassination successful). Maggie's heir starts as Marquise, loses 19 PP and thus must lose 12 PP of minions.

**Mary:** Drew 1 IP. Any Activity. Make Duke Roland a Henchman. Roll on Craft Table (8+2 = High Quality, +3 IP & 3 PP). Propose a cure for the Monarch's ailment (5 = Monarch is pleased. +1 PP).

**James:** Drew 1 IP, Scandal. Roll on Literary Pursuits table (7+2 = Good Poetic Skill +1 PP), buy 2 PP with 10 IP, recruit Queen Catherine, use Scandal chit and "Informer" on #44 Duke Marley. Sir Guy counsels the Monarch to accuse Margaret of Wrongdoing.

**Robert:** Drew 1 IP, Gain 1 IP. Discard "Evidence". Roll on the Fashion Table (8+2 = Elegant +3 PP), recruits John. Give the King dancing pointers at Court Ball (9 = Monarch is Pleased. Counsel Accepted. +2 PP).

**Margaret:** Drew 1 IP, Gain 1 IP. Pay 2 IP to make Knight Dale Justice Minister, roll on Romance table (4 = Adultery = Roll on Scandal Table 8).

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### The Cast:

D&D Anderson: Lord Jeffrey (#23MC & 61), 4 IP, 24/12 PP, 11 cards, #51, #24(MC), #15(H), #65.  
A. Bargender: Duke James (#22, MC), 7 IP, 30/12 PP, 11 cards, #52(H) #12(H) #32  
Copeland: Marquise Margaret (#56), 8 IP, 21/9??? PP, 12 cards, Philip, #46, #54, #31, #53, #25, #41, #44, Jane, #36, Anne, King Alan.

Fowble: Lord Robert (#16/62), 5 IP, 54/14 PP, 11 cards, #13(H), #45, #21, #11, #26, Almere, #35, #43 #34, #33, #66, #36.

York: Duchess Mary (#64), 25 IP, 23/7 PP, 12 cards; #63(H), #55(H), #42(H).

1. **Player order:** Margaret, James, Mary, Robert, Jeffrey.

2. **Office:** n/a

3. **Political Problems:** Knight Dale vs Treason & Conspiracy Trials

4. **Crown Event:** 7 = 2 Political Problems. 7 T&C Trials = n/a. 7 = n/a. 7 = n/a. 9 = Townsman Unrest (High Minister). 5 = Foreign War (Minister of the Army); 9 = War with Epalin.

5. **Player Turns:**

Due next time are Maggie's FAC/FARC jettisons, modifications to Sir Guy's T&C counsel, modifications to the two scandal rolls, and modifications to the three Political problem resolutions. If we get the jettisons early enough

Table	Table Modifiers				
	James	Jeffrey	Marge	Mary	Robert
Business Speculation	0	0	-1	0	0
Court Ball	0	0	+1	+1	+2
Craft	+2	0	0	+2	-1
Fashion	+2	+1	-1	0	+2
Literary Pursuits	+2	+2	+1	+2	0
Patronage	-1	+1	+2	0	0
Socializing	0	0	0	0	-2

Table	Counsels				
	James	Jeffrey	Marge	Mary	Robert
Court Ball	--	--	--	1,4	1,3
Foreign War	2	--	--	--	2,3
Scandal	--	--	--	--	4
Treason & Conspiracy Trials	3	--	--	--	1,3



## Source of the Nile

Turn 17



### The Cast:

Dan Farrow (dropped)

Ron Fisher (dropped?)

Don Chinnery

Jason Bargender

Andrew York

D&D Anderson

**Published:** DD12 (lake, +79 acres), DD11 (lake, +75 acres), CC11 (lake, +88 acres), AA13 (vekl, river from 1 and 4 to 2), Z14 (vekl, river from 5 to 4, cataract, waterfall is 350 feet), Z13 (vekl, river from 1 to 2) and tribe L11 (the Mphahlele) in Z13.

### Press:

Dear Horis, We are going to hopefully be home to see you shortly. The canoe still works but the swamp held us up from doing much exploring. We had to turn back because of lack of provisions. It will be good to see you again. I would love to play you a game of cricket instead of having to eat them. Toodlepip. Emelious & Engentine.

Positions still available for fearless explorers. Contact Alan Bargender if interested.



# KREMLIN

## Karrienko Tried, Acquitted!



### CAST (In Table Order):

Cary Nichols: Re-Education Deployment Society (REDS), 2 cards, 2 waves  
 Ron Fisher: Red Bivalve Factory (RBF), 3 cards  
 Mike Scott: The California Connection (TCC), 1 card, 2 waves  
 Warren "Goz" Goesle: Sneaky, Treacherous, Annoying Bastards (STAB), 2 cards  
 Dave Anderson: Decaying Licentious Antiquarians (DLA), 1 card

### POLITBURO:

Party Chief:	Karrienko (N)	74?	REDS 8, TCC 5
KGB Head:	Doberman (L)	76?	RBF 10+, REDS 9
Foreign Minister:	Schukrutov (B)	76?++	DLA 6, RBF 1
Defense Minister:	Boremtodev (K)	71?	TCC 2, RBF 1
Ideology Chief:	Bungaloff (W)	60	TCC 10, REDS 7
Industry Minister:	Niewitko (D)	73s++	
Economy Minister:	Wasolin (Z)	50w+	RBF 5
Sport Minister:	Gofebrook (C)	74	
Candidates: IJMST	People: OPUXY		
The Wall: AFGV	Siberia: EHQR(+)		

**PHASE 5.1: CURE:** RBF reveals 8 IP on K. Party Chief Karrienko (N) ages 2 SP to 76 for being Party Chief and being under investigation. KGB Head Doberman (L) and Defense Minister Boremtodev (K) age 1 SP to 77 and 72 respectively for being under investigation. Foreign Minister Schukrutov (B) remains at work, so ages 3 SP to 79 for being ill and under investigation. Industry Minister Niewitko (D) ages 1 SP to 74 for being ill yet in his strong job. Economy Minister Wasolin (Z) ages 2 SP to 52 for being sick in his weak job.

**PHASE 5.2: PURGE:** KGB Head Doberman fails to purge Party Chief Karrienko, aging 3 SP to 79.

**PHASE 5.3: SPY INVESTIGATION:** Defense Minister Boremtodev (K) brings Party Chief Karrienko to trial. REDS reveals 8 IP on Z. N & Z vote "Innocent"; L, K & W vote "Guilty". Karrienko is cleared.

### PHASE 5.4: HEALTH:

Party Chief Karrienko (N) runs "15" km weekly, remains healthy.  
 KGB Head Doberman (L) drinks "10" liters of vodka weekly, becomes sick (+).  
 Foreign Minister Schukrutov (B) eats "10" kg of caviar and dies.  
 Defense Minister Boremtodev (K) takes a "20" day base inspection tour, remains healthy.  
 Ideology Chief Bungaloff (W) gives an "11" hour speech, remains healthy.  
 Industry Minister Niewitko (D) opens "15" new factories, remains ill.  
 Economy Minister Wasolin (Z) smokes "9" black cigarettes daily, remains sick.  
 Sport Minister Gofebrook (C) swims "19" laps daily, remains healthy.

**PHASE 5.5: FUNERAL COMMISSION:** N/A.

Due next are orders for Turn 5 Replacement through Parade Phases. Barring IP declaration or an effective card play, REDS will win next time.

### POLITBURO:

Party Chief:	Karrienko (N)	76?	REDS 8, TCC 5
KGB Head:	Doberman (L)	80+?	RBF 10+, REDS 9
Foreign Minister:	<Vacant>		
Defense Minister:	Boremtodev (K)	72?	RBF 8, TCC 2
Ideology Chief:	Bungaloff (W)	60	TCC 10, REDS 7

Industry Minister:	Niewitko (D)	74s++	
Economy Minister:	Waaoln (Z)	52w+	REDS 6, RBF 5
Sport Minister:	Goferbroke (C)	74	
Candidates: IJMST		People: OPUXY	
The Wall: ABFGV		Sibertat: EIBGR(+)	

**LEGEND:** s = strong, w = weak, + = sick, ++ = ill, ? = under investigation, C# = card # remains as a bribe, @ = taking the Cure.



## FRUEH IS BACK

F1B

SR 1

### PLAYER STATUS:

Zodda: \$480  
Hanna: \$480  
Boiduc: \$480  
Copeland: \$480  
Zieske: \$480

2

\$80

### SR 1

Zodda buys the SVRN 1-520.  
Hanna bids \$165 on the C&A.  
Boiduc bids \$75 on D&H.  
Copeland bids \$115 for the M&H.  
Zieske



*Atlantic, 1832*

### PLAYER STATUS:

Zodda: \$460, SVRN,  
Hanna: \$315 (\$165 on C&A)  
Boiduc: \$405 (\$75 on D&H)  
Copeland: \$365 (\$115 on M&H)  
Zieske: \$480



## ON DECK



1830: Frueh, Zodda, Zieske

1835: Hanna, Zieske

1856: Hanna, Frueh, Zieske

1870: Zieske, Hanna, Frueh

AIR BARON: R Fisher, Copeland, Zodda, Barrett, Zodda

BLACKBEARD: Zodda

BRITANNIA: Zieske

COLONIAL DIPLOMACY: Copeland, Nichols, Anderson, Boyum; need 3 more.

GUNSLINGER: Scott, Fowble, R Fisher; need 4 more

HISTORY OF THE WORLD: Zodda, Anderson, Wilson, Zieske

JUNTA: Copeland, Dave A, Hanna

KINGMAKER: R Fisher, Shacklett

KREMLIN: Zodda, Scott, Anderson, Barrett

MACHIAVELLI (Gunboat): Have 3.

MAGIC REALM: Butitta, Deb A

MAHARAJA: Hanna, Zodda

MERCHANT OF VENUS: R Fisher, Deb A, Khaoz

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: O'Hara? Scott

SETTLERS of CATAN: K Wilson, Copeland, Zieske

SILVERTON: Zieske, Deb A

STELLAR CONQUEST: <classified>

WIZARD'S QUEST: A&J Bargender, Farrow, R Fisher, Deb A

OTHER POSSIBILITIES: 1829 (N OR S), AFTER THE HOLOCAUST (\*GM Fowble), GODSFIRE, KAMAKURA, MONSTERS RAVAGE AMERICA, PLANET MINERS, SAMARAI.

\* Offered by guest GM, when space is available.

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**"Kurzon Dax".** Starts now. You are Player #\_\_. Orders for Turns 1-4 and your votes on the optional rules are due soonest. See website for House Rules.

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